

ADDENDUM (PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION)

In the Substitute Specification, please enter the following amendments :

Page 1, add a new section as follows:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of the commonly owned previously copending Alfaro Patent 6,296,343 filed 21 October 1996 entitled EDGE ENHANCEMENT DEPLETION TECHNIQUE FOR OVER-SIZED INK DROPS TO ACHIEVE HIGH RESOLUTION X/Y AXES ADDRESSABILITY IN INKJET PRINTING.

Page 4, fourth paragraph, please delete the last sentence which refers to the Alfaro Patent 6,296,343. Also change the figure reference in line 3 to "Fig. 4A". The corrected paragraph is set forth below:

– The present systems and methods may be accomplished in the steps illustrated in Figs 4 and 5. As shown in Fig. 5, the present systems and methods may be accomplished in three sequential steps 200, 202, 204. First, as shown in Fig. 4A the A x B bitmap is processed by a narrowing process step 200 which in the exemplary embodiment comprises detecting the vertical edges (50), and then shifting one pixel distance to the left each right edge pixel which is not also a left edge pixel (52). –

Page 6, second full paragraph, please delete the reference in the parenthesis "(for example see Towery et al. U.S. Patent 5,574,832)". The corrected paragraph is set forth below:

– The final step as shown in Fig. 4C is a horizontal depletion step 204. This horizontal depletion step 204 is the same as some horizontal depletion methods described earlier except that the depletion is applied as a final step after the three row's logical operation step 202, and only in

the horizontal direction, that is, only in the carriage scan axis and not in the media advance axis.

The horizontal depletion 204 saves each vertical left edge pixel (step 70), depletes alternate interior pixels (step 72) and also preserves both the right and left horizontal edges 74, 76 and the vertical edges. —